

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling access to a networked peripheral device by a ~~walk-up~~ user, wherein the networked peripheral device is accessible by ~~both the walk-up user and a remote user~~ based on centralized access management information, the method comprising:

receiving access management information for the ~~walk-up~~ user at the networked peripheral device from a centralized location;

determining, at the networked peripheral device, a function of level of access to the networked peripheral device and a quota corresponding to the function that are available to the ~~walk-up~~ user based on the received access management information; and

allowing the ~~walk-up~~ user ~~[[to]]~~ access ~~[[the]]~~ to the networked peripheral device based on the determined ~~level of access~~ function and the determined quota corresponding to the function.

2. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the networked peripheral device is a multifunction peripheral device.

3. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the access management information is supplied by an authentication server once the authentication server authenticates the ~~[[walk-up]]~~ user based on authentication information received from the networked peripheral device.

4. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein a user interface is devised by the networked peripheral device that is specific to the determined ~~access level~~ function and corresponding quota.

5. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein buttons on a keypad on the device are enabled and/or disabled according to the determined ~~access level~~ function and corresponding quota.

6. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the user is a walk-up user, and wherein the access management information is supplied by an authentication server that authenticates both the walk-up user and a ~~[[the]]~~ remote user.

7. (Original) A method according to claim 3, wherein the authentication information is a username and/or password.

8. (Original) A method according to claim 3, wherein the authentication information is entered by inserting a smart card at the networked peripheral device.

9. (Original) A method according to claim 6, wherein the access management information is encrypted.

10. (Original) A method according to claim 3, wherein the authentication information received from the networked peripheral device is encrypted.

11. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable memory medium in which computer-executable process steps are stored, the process steps for controlling access to a networked peripheral device by a ~~walk-up~~ user, wherein the networked peripheral device is accessible by ~~both the walk-up user and a remote user~~ based on centralized access management information, wherein the process steps comprise:

a receiving step to receive access management information for the ~~walk-up~~ user at the networked peripheral device from a centralized location;

a determining step to determine, at the networked peripheral device, a function of level of access to the networked peripheral device and a quota corresponding to the function that are available to the walk-up user based on the received access management information; and

an allowing step to allow the ~~walk-up~~ user ~~[[to]]~~ access ~~[[the]]~~ to the networked peripheral device based on the determined ~~level of access~~ function and the determined quota corresponding to the function.

12. (Currently Amended) A computer-executable program code stored on a computer readable medium, said computer-executable program code for controlling access to a networked peripheral device by a ~~walk-up~~ user, wherein the networked peripheral device is accessible by ~~both the walk-up user and a remote user~~ based on centralized access management information, said computer-executable program code

comprising:

code to receive access management information for the ~~walk-up~~ user at the networked peripheral device from a centralized location;

code to determine, at the networked peripheral device, a function of level of access to the networked peripheral device and a quota corresponding to the function that are available to the ~~walk-up~~ user based on the received access management information; and

code to allow the ~~walk-up~~ user ~~[[to]]~~ access ~~[[the]]~~ to the networked peripheral device based on the determined ~~level of access~~ function and the determined quota corresponding to the function.

13. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for controlling access to a networked peripheral device by a ~~walk-up~~ user, wherein the networked peripheral device is accessible by ~~both the walk-up user and a remote user~~ based on centralized access management information, said apparatus comprising means for performing the functions specified in any of Claims 1 to 10.

14. (Currently Amended) Computer-executable process steps stored on a computer readable medium, said computer-executable process steps for controlling access to a networked peripheral device by a ~~walk-up~~ user, wherein the networked peripheral device is accessible by ~~both the walk-up user and a remote user~~ based on centralized access management information, said computer-executable process steps comprising process steps executable to perform a method according to any of Claims 1 to

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15. (Currently Amended) A server for use in controlling access to a networked peripheral device by a ~~walk-up~~ user, wherein the networked peripheral device is accessible by both the ~~walk-up~~ user and a ~~remote~~ user based on centralized access management information, the server comprising a processor executing processing steps for:

receiving a request for access ~~policy~~ management information, the request including authentication information;

authenticating the user using the authentication ~~information~~ information;

and

transmitting access ~~policy~~ management information for the user indicating a function of the networked peripheral device and a quota corresponding to the function that are available to the user, in a case that authentication of the user is successful.

16. (Currently Amended) A server according to claim 15, wherein said server retrieves authentication information for the user from a directory service.